

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Official Action mailed September 10, 2003, applicant has revised the claims of his application in an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance. Specifically, claim 50 has been amended, and new claims 56-61 submitted herewith. Additionally, applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer responsive to the Examiner's Double Patenting Rejections. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

By this response, applicant presents herewith new claims 56-61, which closely correspond to presently pending claims 50-55, and are believed to set forth patentable features of applicant's invention. These claims differ in that they do not specify that each of the recited fastener assemblies are less than one-half the width of the associated film, but these claims are nevertheless believed to be patentably distinct from the prior art.

The Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith is in response to the Examiner's obviousness-type double patenting rejections, and it is believed these rejections can now be withdrawn.

Since the pending claims have not been rejected on the basis of any prior art, it is believed that all of the pending claims 50-61 are now in condition for formal allowance, and such action is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner wish to speak with applicant's attorneys, they may be reached at the number indicated below.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

Respectfully submitted,

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